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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the third paragraph of page 13 with the following substitute paragraph:

Various embodiments of the present invention inhibit carbamylation of the peptide/protein to varying degrees. In an embodiment, the carbamylation percent protection is about 100% after three weeks. In another embodiment, the compound inhibits carbamylation of ribonuclease A to a greater extent than does 1,2-ethylene diamine inhibit the carbamylation of ribonuclease A. Preferred compounds for comparison comprise a compound selected from the group consisting of histidine, 4-hydroxyl ~~praline~~ proline, and Gly-Gly.